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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Emad S. Alnemri and Teresa Fernandes-Alnemri
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For : CASPASE-14, AN APOPTOTIC PROTEASE, NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING AND METHODS OF USE

Examiner : Gary B. Nickol
Art Unit : 1642
Docket No. : 480140.434C2
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 1, 2004, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on May 1, 2004 (Saturday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 1, 2004, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 56-58, 59-60 (in part), 64, 68-70, as specifically drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to SEQ ID NO:5 and host cells expressing said antibody, for examination at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.